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HORNE ANNOUNCES COMPETITIVE FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED TO ARIZONA CHARTER SCHOOLS

17 CHARTER SCHOOLS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$2 MILLION

PHOENIX (August 28, 2003) – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne announced today the U.S. Department of Education has awarded 17 Arizona charter schools a combined total of just over \$2.6 million in federal grants. These funds were awarded directly from the U.S. Department of Education in a competitive process.

“Charter schools are a very important component in Arizona’s public schools system,” Horne said. “These grant funds are a vital resource for these schools because they directly benefit the students. Many of these grants are going to be used to develop curriculum for instruction in core courses such as language, math and history, or in some cases, arts education. In all cases, the goal is producing students with strong, healthy minds, and that’s a goal I share with all Arizonans.”

The grants have been awarded to schools in Phoenix, Tucson, Chandler, Tempe, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Sierra Vista, Sun City and Lake Montezuma. Though the actual amounts differ, the average size of the award for each school is approximately \$153,000.

“Grants such as these make a real difference in the ability for charter schools to meet the growing needs of Arizona’s students,” Horne added.

List of schools and the grant amount:

New School for the Arts M.S. – Tempe - \$150,000
Academic/Personal E.H.S. – Tucson – 197,380
Venture Academy – Scottsdale - \$149,325
Lifelong Learning – Tucson – \$225,000
Technical Vocational H.S. – Tucson - \$150,000
Basis School – Tucson - \$151,251
Berean Academy – Sierra Vista - \$150,000

Patriot Academy – Gilbert - \$199,913
AZ Community Development Center – Tucson - \$150,000
North Star Middle School – Sun City - \$150,000
Toltecalli Academy – Tucson - \$142,603
Belle Affeld B.H.A. – Lake Montezuma - \$150,000
SC Jensen (DBA Intelli-School) – Phoenix - \$120,700
Chandler Academy of the Arts/Tech. – Chandler - \$149,978
Arizona School for the Arts – Phoenix - \$147,188
Intelli-School – Phoenix - \$150,000

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